

REMARKS

Independent claim 15 was amended to include the subject matter of claim 19. Dependent claims 16-17, 19 and 25 were canceled to reduce the issues for appeal.

Claim 15 recites that each illuminator 7, 8 is operative for transmitting light through a respective capture optics 5, 6 en route to a respective window 1, 2. No reference discloses a discrete illuminator for each window, let alone one in which the light travels through a respective capture optics.

In rejecting claim 19, the Examiner directed the applicants' attention to the multiple laser light sources 65a-65d of Rando. Yet, these laser sources are not part of any imaging system, nor does their light pass through any capture optics of an imaging system. These laser sources are operative for generating laser beams to be swept across a symbol. Applicants' claimed invention is not directed to any sweeping laser beams.

In any event, combining Rando with Ohkawa, as proposed by the Examiner, is contrary to Ohkawa's express teaching that "only one source of light" is to be employed (col. 3, lines 36-40).

Independent claim 26 was amended to include the subject matter of claim 30. Dependent claims 27-28, 30 and 34 were canceled to further reduce the issues for appeal.

Claim 26 recites that the first two-dimensional image is contained within the even lines of a frame, and that the second two-dimensional image is contained within the odd lines of the frame.

In rejecting claim 30, the Examiner relied on Tang. However, Tang does not mention or suggest the use of different frame lines for containing different images.

Allowance of claims 15, 18, 20-24, 26, 29 and 31-33 is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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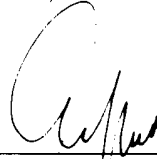
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